

**American Nuclear Society Thermal Hydraulics Division**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**June 7, 2020**

**Chair Report**

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## 7.A. PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH DIVISION CHAIRS

The Chair Report summarizes the accounts of two meetings taking place with the president and the CEO since our last ANS meeting.

### **Conference Call with Craig Piercy (March 19, 2020)**

Craig Piercy scheduled a courtesy call with each professional division chair. On March 19, 2020 he and I met. The purpose of his call was to informally get a sense for THD's stance on the efforts that have resulted from the reorganization plans associated with ANS. Representing THD, I impressed upon him the following items:

- It is important to ensure an incentive-based model from ANS HQ as it applies toward hosting topical meetings by divisions and local chapters. Without incentive it is difficult to create motive among members to contribute in ways that they believe add value.
- It is important that we engage young members in a way that they particularly see value in contributing to the society and professional divisions to ensure the long-term sustainability and success of the Society.
- It is important to ensure that industrial partners, such as utilities, who have vocalized a lack of value of the society become key stakeholders as we move forward within the Society to ensure the Divisions' well-roundedness as well as the Society's continuity.

Craig provided a brief update on outcomes as they relate to the organization of the society as well as early impacts and predictions on finance due to the COVID-19 pandemic including:

- The Society is financially planning on moving forward remotely with ANS Annual meeting and in-person with ANS winter meeting. financial impacts are significant if ANS winter meeting is to be remote as well.
- The Society has been proactive in making its presence more substantial virtually through alternate media forms than it has in the past and these forms are likely to continue given early successes observed even after the pandemic subsides.
- The Society is working to become more secure in its infrastructure as it relates to online tools and resources including cloud services and website development.

The conversation was brief and positive. Craig expressed his appreciation for THD in its activeness within the Society and its fiscal contributions through efforts as they relate to topical meetings such as NURETH,

ATH and others. Presently, it is planned that a brief phone call take place between Craig and the THD division chair on a quarterly basis moving forward.

#### **President's Meeting with Division Chairs (May 19, 2020)**

Marylin Kray, Craig Piercy, Mary Lou Dunsik-Gouger, and Professional Division Chairs were present in a zoom meeting on May 19, 2020 taking place from 11:00-13:00 PDT. During this meeting, focus was directed toward the topic of ANS 2.0 and the change-plan. Particularly clarity was provided on the reorganization of committee structures and their new roles and responsibilities as the change plan comes into effect. Additional items include:

- Financial state of the Society is still of concern, however, less dire than previous as a result of numerous efforts to reduce expenditures. A few items of specificity:
  - ANS has reduced its full-time employment overhead
  - ANS has had to absorb the cost of several topical meetings at hotel venues that were already committed, but canceled due to the pandemic.
  - ANS will see significant short-comings in finances if ANS winter meeting is not held in-person, however, plans are beginning to evolve to take this scenario into consideration.
- ANS purchased cloud-space and a new server system to ensure more sustainable infrastructure for remote operations.
- ANS has hosted numerous virtual events and supported the several virtual meetings since the beginning of the pandemic and found an overwhelmingly positive response to this effort including significant contribution of volunteers and direct participants relative to original predictions.

#### **7.B. PROFESSIONAL DIVISIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Due to the remote annual meeting arrangements the Professional Divisions Committee (PDC) Meeting is scheduled uniquely relative to previous in-person meetings. It is presently scheduled to take place on June 9, 2020 (after the ANS THD EC meeting is scheduled). As such the chair has no information to report upon or actions to provide to the Division from this workshop meeting. The Chair Designate will take the action of assembling a written summary of the professional division committee meeting and report out to the executive committee via both email and posting to the THD website on the outcomes of the PDC Meeting.